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Joined Up Care  
Derbyshire

## Stakeholder Bulletin

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### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #16



Dear partners

There has been much coverage in the media this week about the possibility of a 'second wave' of coronavirus infections this winter. Scientists advising the government are warning that a second wave could be more severe than the first, but have stressed that effective preparations and responses, such as lockdowns, treatments or vaccines, could reduce the risk.

As a health and care system we are well aware of the potential challenges that winter combined with coronavirus presents. There is a dedicated group tasked with developing and implementing our winter plan and much work in this area has already been completed. Key components of our winter plan will be to encourage responsible use of our Emergency Departments and take up of the annual flu vaccination programme. Indeed the NHS is looking to implement the biggest flu vaccination programme in its history.

Our restoration and recovery work continues to move forward and on Monday I met virtually with the Derbyshire Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee where the agenda included the system response to the pandemic, updates on current position, service change and restoration, the longer term plan and public engagement.

Winter on the horizon and the ongoing challenges of restoring services serve to remind us that this journey is far from over and that many challenges still lay ahead. That said, the last few months has seen staff, at every level and across every organisation in Derbyshire's health and care system, come together in ways I can't recall ever seeing before to respond to COVID -19 and so I am confident that we will meet

those challenges.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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## National update

### Cases per 100,000

On Thursday, The Spectator reported that only one of 150 upper-tier local authorities in England has more than 50 confirmed COVID-19 cases per week per 100,000 people: Leicester.

### Leicester

On Friday (10 July), The Telegraph reported that new cases of COVID-19 had fallen by almost 40 per cent following the local lockdown. On Thursday (16 July) the Health Secretary confirmed some restrictions would be lifted from 24 July.

### Blackburn with Darwen

Following a rise in coronavirus cases, Blackburn with Darwen Council announced a series of restrictions on Tuesday to prevent a lockdown in the area.

### Face coverings in shops to become mandatory

Wearing a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England is to become mandatory from 24 July, though children under 11 and those with disabilities will be exempt. Those who fail to comply with the new rules will face a fine of up to £100. Shop workers will not be expected to enforce the rules.

### UK opts out of EU vaccine scheme

The government has [rejected](#) an invitation to join the European Union's coronavirus vaccine programme due to concerns that the scheme would slow the UK's access to successful products by up to six months.

### Easing of lockdown restrictions

Theatre shows, festivals and open-air gigs are now able to take place with a limited and socially distanced audience. Indoor gyms and swimming pools can reopen from 25 July and arrivals to the UK from more than 60 countries [no longer have to self-quarantine](#) for two weeks.

### [Asymptomatic testing pilot](#)

Workers in 'high-contact' professions in England will be tested for coronavirus under a [new pilot scheme](#) even if they do not display symptoms.

### **Economy**

On Wednesday the VAT reduction from 20% to 5% [came into force](#). The reduction is designed to help sectors of the economy hit hardest by the pandemic.

### **Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme**

The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme has begun its nationwide review of mental health rehabilitation services, with virtual visits to 56 trusts planned to help improve patient care.

### **Statistics**

As of 9am on 15 July 2020, there have been 12,461,869 tests (either processed or sent out) in the UK. Of these, 9,368,703 tests have been processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 291,911, of which 250,885 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

## Update for Derby and Derbyshire

### **Local response**

The local NHS and its partners continue to respond to the Coronavirus situation through the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for Derbyshire.

### **Preparations for winter and a possible 'second wave' of coronavirus infections**

Please see the introduction to this bulletin for an update on preparations for winter and a possible 'second wave' of coronavirus infections.

### **Cancer service recovery**

The restoration and recovery of cancer services is being managed through the Joined Up Care Derbyshire Planned Care Steering Group and weekly COVID-19 cancer calls continue to take place.

Cancer recovery is at the very top of our list of priorities and on Tuesday there was a 'Board to Board' session with regulators to discuss the recovery of cancer services. This followed a detailed review of the current position understanding how the growth of waiting lists is being managed across our two acute trusts – Chesterfield Royal Hospital and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton.

Endoscopy lists have now been prioritised at both acute trusts and work is continuing to communicate with patients about identifying symptoms and with local public health teams to restore screening services.

**If you notice a change that isn't normal for you or if you have any possible signs and symptoms of cancer you should contact your doctor. Cancer Research UK have produced this [short and helpful video](#) which explains the importance of going to your GP if you notice any possible cancer symptoms**

### **Care homes**

Staffing levels are improving and overall service appears to be stable. Processes are in place for weekly testing of staff and monthly testing of residents.

### **Statistics**

As at 4pm on 15 July 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 22,147 cases.

As at 2pm on 15/07/2020 there were 1,294 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,351 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,351 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 402; NE Derbyshire: 591; High Peak: 407; Erewash: 408; Derbyshire Dales: 255 ; Chesterfield: 504; Bolsover: 345; Amber Valley: 439 .

Sadly 5,821 deaths in the Midlands region have been reported as of 15/07/2020.

Figures from 11 - 14 July are subject to change.

## Health services

### Access to primary care services (GP, Pharmacy, Dentist and Opticians)

[This document](#), produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provides helpful information about how primary care services are currently operating.

### Hospitals

Since 15 June it became mandatory for all hospital staff to wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients to wear face coverings.

### GP Surgeries

Although it is not mandatory to do so, GPs in Derby and Derbyshire continue to urge patients to provide and wear their own face covering with the exception of very young children, disabled patients and those with breathing difficulties.

### Help us help you

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire has done to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them please [click here](#).

### Services

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information.

If you would like to access the individual websites of our hospital and community NHS partners, these are listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)

[DHU Health Care](#) (provider of the NHS 111 telephone helpline for the East Midlands as well as the out of hours GP services in Derbyshire and Leicestershire)

## Partner information

### Plasma donation

The NHS is looking for people who have recovered from coronavirus to donate blood plasma as part of a clinical trial to help with the national effort against the virus. The trial will help to establish how effective convalescent plasma (plasma from people who've had coronavirus) is for treating coronavirus patients. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### Domestic violence and abuse

There continues to be a rise in cases of domestic violence and abuse in Derbyshire. If you're experiencing domestic abuse or know someone who is, telephone: 08000 198 668 and you'll get help from someone close by or visit [www.derbyshiredomesticabusehelpline.co.uk](http://www.derbyshiredomesticabusehelpline.co.uk) for advice. Here are two other important numbers:

- Police: 999, press 55 when prompted if you can't speak
- Refuge: UK-wide, 24-hour helpline: 0808 2000 247

### **CQC Campaign**

On Thursday 9 July, the CQC and Healthwatch launched a [joint campaign](#) asking people to feedback on their experiences of health and social care to help improve services for everyone.

### **Camp Inspire**

Applications and referrals are now being received for Camp Inspire. Organised by Chesterfield FC's Community Trust, Camp Inspire is a health and wellbeing summer holiday camp for 4 to 17 year olds focused on enhancing wellbeing and developing soft skills through structured fun activities. Find out more [here](#).

## **Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing**

### **Mental health apps to support children and young people**

A team across NHSX, NHS Digital, NHS England and NHS Improvement have been working to identify a number of digital tools to support children, young people and adults who are experiencing increased mental health needs as a result of COVID-19, disrupted education or end of year exams.

[Healios](#), the first supplier to complete the process for its [ThinkNinja](#) app, has now made this app available to download free of charge to all 10 -18 year olds until the end of September. ThinkNinja will be joining over 20 existing apps already approved on the [NHS Apps library](#) for users to choose from. Information about the team's work is available in this [blog](#).

### **How to wear a face covering**

With wearing a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England becoming mandatory from 24 July, the Department of Health and Social Care have produced an [animation](#) to show how to correctly use a face covering. The BBC has also produced an [animation](#).

### **Support for carers**

[Derbyshire Carers Association](#) exists to support all those in a caring role in Derbyshire. Read the [latest edition](#) of Derbyshire County Council's 'Carers News'. The bulletin contains details of news, information and events relevant to unpaid/family carers.

### **Coronavirus information in accessible formats**

The Joined Up Care Derbyshire website has a number of resources relating to the needs of specific patient groups and in accessible formats such as easy read, sign language and Makaton. You can view the page [here](#).

### **Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff**

Support in relation to the COVID-19 virus is available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

## **What you can do to help**

Help us to save lives by reinforcing key messages in this bulletin with your key contacts. This should include the updated Government message to stay alert to stay safe. Please use your social media accounts to share only official messages from Government and NHS websites and accounts as there is a

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## Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk](mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk). We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within 72 hours.

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